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Report to the Congregation On the 7th International Conference in Los Angeles

MORE THAN 25 Sha'ar Zahavniks were among the 200-plus who attended the Seventh International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews in Los Angeles over the Fourth of July weekend. It was a time to study and teach, to sing and pray and dance together, to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Our priorities and agendas sometimes differed, but we were united in our determination to make it a little easier to live in the world as a gay or lesbian Jew.

Wandering through the hotel during the Conference, these are some of the things you would have seen:

- a lesbian couple leading a workshop on the joys and problems of parenting, while a gay man bounces his infant daughter on his lap;

- a young man from the small town in Ohio relates his painful sense of isolation from other gay and lesbian Jews—and is immediately voted into honorary membership in Am Tikva, Boston (a real mitzvah!);

- all 200 of us rise and form a circle to sing Oseh Shalom, and then notice that one of our number is handicapped and cannot stand. The circle breaks, a man and a woman each take one of his hands in theirs so that he completes the circle—and then we begin to sing.

- a traditional Conservative Sabbath morning service sung and chanted wonderfully, passionately and perfectly by a woman who has only recently chosen Judaism.

After a full day of work by the delegates, the Conference officially opened with an Erev Shabbat service at Los Angeles' Temple Beth Chayim Chadashim. The Temple was as full of spirit and celebration as it was of people. Rabbinic intern Margaret Holub led the services, joined by BCC's talented cantors who sang not only the traditional responses, but also Sephardic songs and a Holly Near piece which was interpreted for the hearing impaired by a member of the congregation. It's hard to say which was more moving: the songs that filled the sanctuary, or Rabbi Holub's brief sermon on gentleness and caring. Both brought home to us all the meaning and ruach of a very special Shabbat.

With services over, the room was cleared and the Oneg Shabbat and the dancing began. Cakes and punch, horas and other Israeli folk dances were enjoyed and we ate, danced and sang until we could barely make it back to the hotel.

Saturday morning there was a choice of a traditional service or a Chasidic dance service. Both had more people than the rooms could hold. Later we swam and took in the sun.

During Saturday lunch, Rabbi Bennett led the Kiddush and Motzi, and spoke about the conference with great good humor.

Saturday afternoon the serious study and workshops began: Parenting; political activism; degenderizing the liturgy without losing the poetry and meaning; networking; helping men and women work together; welcoming newcomers to Judaism; debating, teaching, exchanging ideas and materials. Four hours of hard work—and worth every minute of it!

After Saturday night dinner, more socializing and a dip in the pool. The Gay Men's Chorus sang and then invited everyone to join in singing *Hatikvah*. Later, many of us heard the cantors sing Sephardic songs, Israeli songs, and even songs they had written themselves. This was a very special night.

On Sunday morning there was a presentation on the plight of the Ethiopian Jews conducted by Bruce Katz and Dr. Howard Lenhoff, president of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews. Other congregations were enthusiastic about the success of our Chai Campaign, and were eager to start their own. So the \$3,500 we raised will increase several-fold!

On Monday, there was the only moment of tension and anger. It was over the issue of whether the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jews should allow or encourage membership by single-sex organizations.

Those against admitting men-only or women-only organizations to membership in the Congress feared the divisiveness their presence might create. Those in favor of admitting the groups felt that there were times and situations when single sex groups were appropriate and necessary. After much debate and heated discussion, the resolutions on this issue were withdrawn, to be considered again next year.

Other resolutions were passed in favor of Israel, world peace, the Falashas and nuclear disarmament. Greetings were sent to those chapters in Europe, Canada and Israel who could not be with us. Special greetings were sent to Sjlomo, the new group in Amsterdam.

We had an election of new officers. Our own Aaron Cooper was elected Coordinating Secretary (the top official of the World Congress). Mazel tov, Aaron!

It was a remarkable four days, a time when gay men and lesbians from the larger cities could come together to support gay and lesbian Jews from Roanoke, Appletown, Cheyenne, Vancouver, Saskatoon and even that small town in Ohio. Am Tikvah's gesture of warmth and affection made the Conference even more worthwhile than we all had expected.

—Laurie Radovsky and Mike Rankin

Help Wanted!

CHERYL ORVIS mentioned in her column last month the hope that members would become involved in the activities of Sha'ar Zahav. The committees, listed below (with the names of the people to call) need your help. Joining one (or more) of them will not only enable us to function better as a Congregation, but will allow you to share an enriching experience with other Sha'ar Zahavniks.

1. Membership: Encourages people to join the Congregation; welcomes them at Shabbat and Yom Tov services; helps make newcomers feel welcome. *Alita Rosenfeld/472-1309, Richard Look/826-8996.*

2. Social Action: Works on issues of social justice such as nuclear disarmament, Falashas, Russian Jews, Holocaust issues. *Bruce Katz/929-8479.*

3. Social Programs: Plans get-togethers, picnics, theater, ballgames, parties. *Ron Lezell/621-3930.*

4. Avodath Hakodesh: Works on liturgy, music, making our worship services more beautiful and meaningful. Three subcommittees are the ritual committee, the music chug and the house committee. *Garry Koenigsberg/635-6249.*

5. Bikur Cholim: Outreach to members and others who are ill, in trouble, lonely and isolated. *Betty Kalis/821-6780.*

6. Women's Havurah: Provides a forum for socializing and discussion of issues pertaining to the women of the Congregation. *Nancy Meyer/282-8360.*

7. Public Relations: Getting the message to the press that we exist and are doing exciting things in our Congregation. *Mark Feldman/648-5556.*

8. Building: Working on obtaining "A Home of Our Own." *Mark Feldman/648-5556.*

9. Finance: Helps develop financial resources for the Synagogue. *Jerry Rosenstein/921-0581.*

10. Education: Develops classes, tutorials, etc., in all aspects of Jewish tradition and life. *Steven Fritsch-Rudser/863-1998.*

11. Newsletter: Puts out the *Forward* each month. *Chuck Norton/431-9721; Larry Chandler/621-6764.* ■

Outreach Service

Services are held in Sacramento on the second Friday of each month at 8 p.m. in the chapel of B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Drive. Members and friends in the Sacramento area are encouraged to attend the August 13 service, and to become involved in other Sha'ar Zahav activities as well. For further information, contact Stephen Klein at (916) 673-7215.

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A HOME OF OUR OWN!

DURING the last week of June, several members of the Congregation attended a meeting with officials of the Redevelopment Agency, the city agency which is responsible for the Bush Street Temple. The RDA agreed to accelerate the negotiating process, making us all feel more optimistic about getting this building, despite whatever difficulties still remain.

Though the Va'ad has agreed to keep all options open with regard to any other promising site, the Bush Street Temple is still the outstanding favorite of the members of Sha'ar Zahav.

In July, the Congregation submitted a funding request for Community Development funds that the city will receive this year. The money, if received, and if negotiations for the building continue to be favorable, will be used to make a variety of physical improvements to the Bush Street building. The amount of available money has dramatically shrunk this year and many more groups are asking for funds. It will be several months before we know the status of our request.

We offer thanks to Allan Lubliner, Kurt Stutzman, Aaron Cooper, Ken Burke, Paul Cohen, Keith Fenton and others for their support and cooperation in completing the application.

Several of the Building Campaign committees are now beginning to function, with the rest to be activated soon. Now is the time to become involved in the planning work of the committees as our campaign shifts further into high gear. To be a part of the effort to give us a home of our own, call Mark Feldman, 648-5556. —Mark Feldman

Join Us for Dinner August 27

After the success of the first Shabbat dinner on July 23, the Congregation will have a second dinner, this one on Friday, August 27. It will precede services at 6 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The meal, costing \$3.50, will be catered by The Kosher Nutrition Project.

Sharing Shabbat dinner is another way for all of us at Sha'ar Zahav to be family. If you would like to attend, please return the reservation form by August 20 to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, P.O. Box 5640, San Francisco 94101.

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Next Va'ad Meeting

The next meeting of the Va'ad will be held on Sunday, August 8 at B'nai Emunah, 3595 Taraval in San Francisco. Va'ad meetings will now always be the second Sunday of the month.

From Where I Stand

MY RECENT involvement in two conventions has brought home the realization that, in the words of the character in the comic strip, "We have met the enemy and he is us." Perhaps it is a sign of the times, but I found countless numbers of people depressed about more things at these conventions than I have ever found in the past. Most obvious at the rabbinical convention was the feeling that some of my colleagues had that the "leaders" of our movement were becoming apologists for their predecessors' tendencies toward reform, attempting to mollify our more conservative rabbinical colleagues in an attempt to gain greater acceptance.

The same was true in Los Angeles, except that I didn't hear it from the "leaders." Something I heard more than once was that acceptance in local communities was so hard to win from the Jewish establishment, that efforts had proved successful on some fronts, but that the efforts expended in the attempt to gain acceptance were so draining that the gains were of little joy.

My take on this mood is that those who have tried to convince us of their moral, ethical, intellectual, or general human superiority have made some headway. Things are shaky enough for many people that they have actually begun to blame themselves for things over which they have had no control, things like the economy, unemployment, and so on. And those who would deprive us of our basic freedoms take these ills as a sign of their own righteous holier-than-thou attitude's rectitude. Perhaps they don't realize how ludicrous they are. Our tradition teaches us that poverty is nothing to be pleased about. But if it is the state in which we find ourselves, it is not a sign of God's disfavor, not a mark of divine displeasure. It is what it is, and we are bidden to deal with it accordingly.

So it is with all of life. Judaism teaches us that there will be ups and downs all throughout one's life, and that we can do something about them to change things for the better. With that thought in mind, we can face our society knowing that we are not in this world to please them, but to live out our lives with heads held high, proud that we have consciences to which we listen, Torah to guide us, and love to show us the way. Armed with just these, we can and shall live and be free.

—Rabbi Allen B. Bennett

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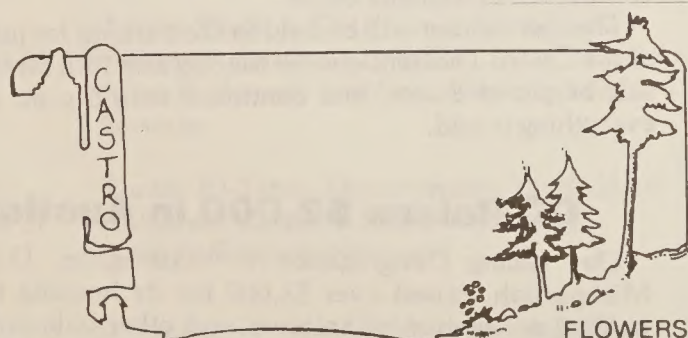
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Dedicate a Machsor

THIS ROSH HASHONAH, Sha'ar Zahav will have a new machsor, the prayerbook for the High Holidays. The translations and prayers in English are all original, written by us for our own use. Compared to the High Holiday prayerbook we have used in the past, which was almost entirely cut and pasted from other sources, our new machsor will be closer to the traditional order of prayers, though it will place greater emphasis on prayer in English and will direct itself to the particular needs of our Congregation.

The new machsor is something we can all take pride in. The job of translating and composing an entire prayerbook has been enormous, and few congregations of any type undertake so ambitious a project. It is Sha'ar Zahav's particular combination of creativity, respect for tradition, and personal approach to our religion (not to mention our chutzpah) that has made the project possible.

It's time now for you to help. The machsor committee has done an incredible job of writing and editing, but their work—our work—must now be put on paper: 1,000 copies worth! The cost is going to be enormous. (Even if we were retaining the old machsors, we have far too few of them, and would need to spend quite a bit to make more copies.)

You can dedicate a copy of the new machsor—in honor of a parent or relative, a friend or a lover, or someone you wish to be remembered—for \$20. The dedication will be placed on the bookplate of the machsor. If everyone in the Congregation would dedicate just one copy, the machsor's cost would be covered. We hope that some members will choose to dedicate a group of machsors, for a negotiated donation.

Please see Rabbi Bennett or any member of the Ritual Committee for further information. —Garry Koenigsberg

Destruction in Middle East Prompts Aid to Lebanon

The Israeli government has set up a cabinet-level agency to help provide basic food, clothing and medical help to the Lebanese ravaged by the current war. This is primarily a humanitarian effort which the Jewish state has mounted. Like all humanitarian acts, it also has deep implications for the future of peace.

The American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is coordinating relief efforts in the United States to provide emergency funds to the Israeli government for the purpose of this Lebanese relief effort.

The Jewish Community Federation will quickly relay your contributions to Israel through the JDC. Make your checks payable to the Jewish Community Federation (marked Lebanese Relief), and send them to the Jewish Community Federation, 254 Sutter Street, San Francisco 94108. ■

Trip to Russian River Planned for Seniors

The Pride Foundation is sponsoring a trip to Tomales Bay—Russian River on Thursday, August 26. A bus will be leaving the Central YMCA at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$12. Reservations and payment must be made by August 14. For information on reservations, please call 863-9000.

Building Fund Donation

A donation to our Building Fund has been made by Ted Ruskin, helping to bring us even closer to our goal of "A Home of Our Own."

Choosing Judaism

SHA'AR ZAHAV is excited to announce a new program for individuals interested in becoming Jewish. The class, which will begin on Tuesday, September 7, will be in three parts and will rotate weekly.

Rabbi Bennett will offer lectures and discussions on basic Judaism, including history, theology, life cycle events and the Jewish calendar. A section on Jewish living will be taught by Steven Fritsch Rudser. This will be a practical approach to Jewish observances such as celebrating Shabbat in the home, holiday observances and how to participate fully in the Jewish worship service. Cathy Nelson will facilitate a support group in which participants will be able to share the joys and frustrations they discover as they embrace Judaism.

Each member of the class may be matched with a congregation member to share occasional Shabbat and holiday observances. The class will meet Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:30. Fee for the class will be \$5 for synagogue members and \$7.50 for non-members. There will also be a minimal fee for materials.

The class is also open to individuals who were born Jewish and who are interested in expanding their knowledge of Judaism. For further information, call the synagogue office during business hours at 621-2871. ■

Anti-Nuclear Film Brings Large Turnout

The showing of *The Last Epidemic*, a film about the consequences of a nuclear holocaust in San Francisco, brought out a large group of people from the Bay Area to see the film and participate in a discussion led by Josh Baron of Ground Zero. The event took place June 22 at New College and was co-sponsored by Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and New College. The Social Action Committee hopes to repeat the event sometime this fall for those who were unable to attend. The film is a must-see for anyone interested in the growing peril of nuclear war. For further information, contact Bruce Katz, 929-8479. ■

Kafka-Prague Continues

In conjunction with the *Kafka-Prague* exhibit at the Magnes Museum, the following programs are presented in August:

Sunday, August 8, 11 a.m., Rebecca Camhi Fromer will be giving a lecture on the study of Kafka by Elias Canetti called *Kafka's Other Trial*.

Sunday, August 22, 2 p.m., Murray Baumgarten will explore Kafka's attitude towards Yiddish language, literature and culture.

These events take place at the Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell Street in Berkeley. Admission is \$3 (\$2 museum members and seniors). For further information, call 849-2710.

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High Holiday Services Participation

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Please return by mail to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, P.O. Box 5640, San Francisco, CA 94101.

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Sale of House May Benefit Congregation

A three-flat Victorian built in 1875 is being offered for sale with the possibility that part of the realtor's commission would be donated to Sha'ar Zahav for the building fund. The house, at Laguna and Bush, is being offered for \$330,000. The terms require that the buyer not use a realtor and that the commission (in this case 3%) normally reserved for the buyer's agent, go to the Congregation.

If you would like more details, including a complete description of this remarkable property, contact the synagogue office, 621-2871. ■

August 7 Flea Market

The Metropolitan Community Church is sponsoring a flea market all day Saturday, August 7. MCC has invited various religious groups, including Sha'ar Zahav, to participate in this event by bringing used goods to sell. There is no cost to us, and everything we sell will benefit the Congregation.

If you have any goods that you're willing to donate to Sha'ar Zahav for the sale, please contact the synagogue office. We'll help you arrange for getting rid of your unwanted things.

We also would like to encourage you to help us sell all those marketable fleas. If you can donate your time, please contact the synagogue office.

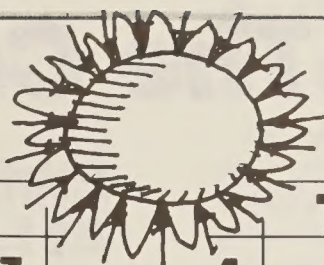
The flea market will be held in the parking lot just south of the Castro Theater between Market and 18th Streets. The sale begins at 8 a.m. and continues until 5 p.m. or until everything is sold. ■

DC Raises \$2,000 in Auction

Our sibling Congregation in Washington, D.C., Bet Mishpachah, raised over \$2,000 for its housing fund by holding an auction of antiques and other valuable goods and services donated by members and commercial establishments. More than 75 people attended.

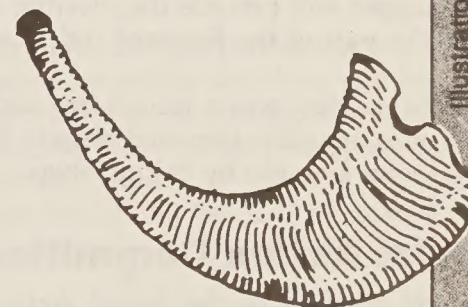
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8 יט Va'ad Meeting 621-2871	9 כ	10 כא Copy Deadline For Forward Why not join us tomorrow? 621-6764	12 כג Night of the Murdered Poets (1952) Social Program Committee 621-3930	13 כד Services in Sacramento (see article)	14 כה
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22 ג	23 ד	24 ה	25 ו	26 ז	27 ח Congregational Dinner 621-2871
29 י 1st Zionist Congress, Basle, Switzerland (1897)	30 יא	31 יב	<p>Elul is the month of preparation for Rosh ha-Shanah. It is a custom to blow four sounds on the shofar every morning during Elul because, according to Rambam, the shofar proclaims: <i>Awaken you sleepers from your sleep. . . search your actions and return. . .</i> Some say that the letters that make up אלול stand for אני לדודי ודודי לי <i>I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine</i>. This reminds us of God's love for us as we approach the time when we ask for forgiveness.</p>		

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Ritual Calendar

Friday, August 6 17 Av	Torah: Ekev. Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25 Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3 Laurie Radovsky, Leslie Bergson, Peace Sabbath
Friday, August 13 24 Av	Torah: Re'eh. Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11-55:5 Social Action Committee, Services
Friday, August 20 1 Elul	Torah: Shoftim. Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9 Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12 Allen B. Bennett and Garry Koenigsberg, Services;
Friday, August 27 8 Elul	Torah: Ki-Tetze. Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10 Allen B. Bennett, Services

Everyone is welcome to join us for Shabbat services Fridays at 8:15 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street (at Presidio), San Francisco.

Shabbat of Solidarity For Soviet Jews

On Friday, August 13, the Social Action Committee will conduct Shabbat services with the theme of Solidarity with the Jews in the Soviet Union. A representative from the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry will be there to show a film presentation after services.

Oneg Sponsors

The following people have sponsored the Oneg Shabbat for the past two months:

- June 18: Mark Feldman
- June 25: Scott Chase and Joshua Friedman
- July 9: Arthur Hurwith in memory of his father, Samuel Hurwith
- July 16: Alan Schrager for the enjoyment of the Congregation
- July 23: The Women's Havurah in honor of Nancy Meyer's Bat Mitzvah and 35th birthday
- July 30: Mike Rankin

News From The Committees

Planning Committee To Set Five-Year Goals

The Long Range Planning Committee is busy at work towards its goal of creating a Five-Year Plan for the Congregation. Such a plan will give us direction and help us to prepare for the growth and activity that we will be experiencing over the next few years. The first phase of our work is the data gathering, vital to setting objectives. For this data we will be turning to all members of the congregation to help us pinpoint more specifically who the membership is and what goals it has for itself. The committee is presently at work on a questionnaire to use in gathering this data. We will keep you updated as to our progress and when the time comes we hope that everyone will participate in this process.

This is the first time our Congregation has ever been involved in a formal Long Range Planning project and we are very excited to think about the many ways it will benefit the Congregation.

For those wanting to know more or share their ideas, please contact Bruce Katz, 929-8479. ■

Forward Meets August 11 With Potluck Bacchanalia

The newsletter committee will be holding its monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Larry Chandler, 375 Roosevelt Way in San Francisco. A potluck supper will precede the meeting and anyone who wishes to be part of the *Forward* staff is encouraged to attend.

The July meeting was a resounding success. Committee business was actually discussed despite the abundance of food and wine brought by the members.

Social Action Committee Meets

The next meeting of the Social Action Committee is Wednesday, August 11, 7:30 p.m., at Bruce Katz's house, 2400 Pacific Ave. (apt 501), 929-8479.

Ethiopian Jewry Workshop At L.A. Conference

A special event workshop on the plight of the Ethiopian Jews was sponsored by our Social Action Committee at the Seventh International Conference of Lesbian and Gay Jews in Los Angeles over the Fourth of July weekend. The keynote speaker at the event was Professor Howard Lenhoff, President of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews. Professor Lenhoff showed slides and led a discussion on the issue. Bruce Katz spoke on what congregations and individuals could do to help. The event was well-attended and represented by congregations from all over the country. ■

Jewish History Havurah

An informal group meets at the home of Dave Rosen (Page & Clayton, San Francisco), on the first Saturday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A book is read before each meeting—historical, literary, contemporary—and then discussed. If you are interested, call 552-0118 evenings and weekends.

Social Program Committee

The next meeting of the Social Program Committee will be held on Thursday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. at 237 Cumberland St., Apt. 8.

Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee is planning a detailed media/advertising campaign that will lend itself to promoting and supporting the many Congregational events and programs. We would like interested members of Sha'ar Zahav to contact Sharyn at 821-7846 for further information.

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UAHC Charter To Be Presented

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will formally receive its charter to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at the Friday, September 3 Shabbat service. Presenting the charter will be Rabbi Morris Hershman, Regional Director for the UAHC. Rabbi Hershman will be joined in the presentation by officers of the Union Region. Sha'ar Zahav was admitted to the UAHC in December 1981 at the biennial convention.

Mark your calendars now for this landmark event in the history of our Congregation. ■



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Anti-Gay Bias Forces NY Congregation From Fair

Our sibling congregation in New York, Beth Simchat Torah, had been scheduled to participate in a Jewish Peoplehood Fair on June 6. After the application was filed, the congregation was asked to sign a statement agreeing to remove mentioning in their banner that they are a gay and lesbian synagogue.

Other participants in the fair threatened to withdraw if CBST participated. The congregation thereupon decided it would best serve their interests if they withdrew their application for space at the fair.

The Board of Trustees, in a letter to the West Side Jewish Community Council, the sponsor of the fair, said that though participation could not be denied them if they wished to participate, they were withdrawing so as not to become scapegoats for the political troubles of the Council. The withdrawal was for this year's fair only, the letter to the WSJCC said. ■

Jewish Community Center August Activities

A NEW, \$60,000 Fitness Center, featuring Nautilus/Universal equipment and four weight-training exercise rooms has officially opened at the JCC. Special weight-training classes, equipment orientation and individual conditioning programs are also being provided to help members of the JCC learn the best use of the equipment while developing their own exercise programs. For more information or a tour of the new Fitness Center, phone Julie Bauer at 346-6040, ext. 445.

A lecture on demographic and political changes in Israel's West Bank and its effect on policy decisions will be given Tuesday, August 3 at 7:30 p.m. Benjamin Miller, a former Israeli delegate to the U.N. will provide background on the present Israeli-Palestinian conflict. A question and answer period will follow the lecture. \$3 (\$2 JCC members). 346-6040.

Skilled teenagers are available for work this summer through the JCC Teens in Employment program. Office work, sales, restaurant work, painting, delivery, house cleaning, gardening and babysitting are among the jobs that can be filled by the specially trained and selected young men and women who are registered with the program. Prospective employers may call Debra Barish at 346-6040.

A children's show will be performed by the San Francisco Moving Company on Sunday, August 8 at 3 p.m. at the JCC. Well-known for its dynamic and comedic style, the Moving Company offers entertainment for people of all ages. Tickets are \$2. 346-6040 for more information. ■

Gift Opportunities Still Abound

Why not make a contribution to the Congregation as a way of remembering a loved one, or saying "Happy Birthday," "Happy Anniversary" or "Happy Whatever Day"? You don't even need an occasion to give to Sha'ar Zahav. And, if you wish, your contribution can be mentioned in the *Forward*.

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14	Rebeca August, grandmother of Lucia August
15	Marvin Mauss, father of Ken Mauss
16	Binyamina S., sister of Debbie S.
21	Harry Benenson, father of Barry Benenson
21	Jacob Segal, father of Carol Segal
21	Ann Cohn, mother of Herb Cohn
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Mark Feldman To Speak At G-40 Plus Club

The G-40 Plus Club, a social organization for gays over 40 has meetings on the first and third Sundays of each month at 2 p.m. On Sunday, August 15, the guest speaker will be from New College of California, our own Mark Feldman, who will talk about returning to school. Learning is not restricted to youth! Find out about options, financial aid and what are your own possibilities for growth and development. For further information, call the G-40 Plus Club at 552-1997.

Artist Needed

The *Forward* is still looking for someone to do some design, layout and paste-up work for the newsletter. If you have the skills and would like to see the *Forward* turn out an even better paper each month, call Larry Chandler, 621-6764, or better yet, come to the orgy of food and wine on Wednesday, August 11.

Gay Olympics Housing

The Gay Olympic Games is still in need of housing for the athletes who will be in San Francisco at the end of August. If you are able to provide a room or area where the athletes can stay, please call 861-8282 or 861-0882.

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